



CALICO CAPERS QUILT GUILD

YEAR OF THE SCRAPS!?

This article was sparked by a feature in the Country Register September/October 2017. “Rather than averting my eyes every time I pass the every growing pile of scraps in my workroom, I’ve decided that this will be my Year of the Scraps.” -Barbara Conquest-

Are you looking for a New Year’s Resolution?

There are many creative designers out there in the quilting world that have written articles, books and even blogs on just this topic...what to do with those scraps?!?!

- * Bonnie Hunter—Quiltville
- * Amanda Nyberg—Sunday Morning Quilts
- * Joan Ford—Scraptherapy™

These designers have detailed and shared their methods of storing, sorting and using the scraps we all wish we didn’t have. Nyberg-”while acknowledging the economics and satisfaction of making scrap quilts, also feels scrap quilting is a great way to honor the women & men who have gone before us, who stitched quilts from what they had on hand and who handed down this wonderful craft to us.”

Here we would like to take the time to introduce you to Joan Ford, who founded the ScrapTherapy™ program. Joan states, “The Scrap Therapy concept is about sorting, cutting and storing scrap fabric using a simple, sensible and logical process and then using those sorted scraps in inspiring patterns that incorporate varied techniques.”

Do you need ScrapTherapy?

Quilters can be very frugal. We love fabric! We sew for hours and hours to create beautiful quilts, pillows, baby blankets, and more. And we save the pieces that are left after the project is complete. In random clumps and sizes squished together to use later. . .

In bags, boxes, drawers, closets, car trunks, . . . well, it’s everywhere!

And we feel guilty as the scrap fabric stash grows. ‘Some day, I’m going to make a scrappy quilt with all this,” you say. But, where to begin. The task seems daunting.

Perhaps you need a plan. ***Perhaps you need ScrapTherapy!***

So fly onto the Hummingbird Highway (Joan’s website) - your source for exceptional scrap quilt patterns, projects, and ideas for today’s quilter . . . where traditional quilting meets up-to-date techniques.

-<https://hummingbird-highway.com>

Or check out our Book Reports on page 3 for some great reviews of some of Joan’s books.

So get started on sorting those scraps you have that are just waiting to find a home in a finished quilt project:

- Color
- Size
- Squares
- Strips
- Triangles
- Snippets

At least one of your New Year’s Resolutions may have a start towards completion. AND if the scraps are gone...we wouldn’t feel guilty about purchasing more fabric!!!

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings will be held at the Trinity United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall located at 234 N. Church Street, Endeavor unless otherwise noted.

January 8th—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting NOTE DATE CHANGE

- * PROGRAM: Tips to Make Your Quilting Life Easier. Tonight Shirley will share some tips—you are asked to participate in this session by bringing along something to the meeting that has helped make your ‘quilting life easier’.
- * *Reaching Out* BOM
- * Show ‘n Tell
- * Hostesses: SB; KH & SL

February 5th—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

- * PROGRAM: Be Square. In this session, Patti will share on how to get those blocks square and then adding borders. Lastly, you will receive tips on how to square up your finished project before quilting it.
- * *Reaching Out* BOM
- * Show ‘n Tell
- * Hostesses: LJ; JS; KT & MJT

March 5th—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

- * PROGRAM: Do It In Layers. Jeannette will lead us through the layering process of our ‘sandwich’ and share basting techniques.
- * *Reaching Out* BOM
- * Show ‘n Tell
- * Hostesses: SL; PJ; JM & JW

NOTE: New Meeting Location starting April 2018...Moundville United Methodist Church located at W5501 County Road O Endeavor.

Hostesses:

Thank you for sharing your hospitality with us.

We ask that you have the snacks ready for members by **6:15 PM**. We will start with this and then proceed to our meeting promptly at 6:30 pm.

Doors at the church Fellowship Hall will be opened by 6:00 PM for your convenience unless you make other arrangements.

Thank you.

LEADERS & ENDERS

With as full as our schedules are these days, how does one set aside enough time to work on charity quilts when we have tons of projects of our own waiting to be created???

- ◆ Do you do continuous chain piecing?
- ◆ Do you use a folded scrap of fabric to sew on/off at the beginning/ending of a line of chain piecing?
- ◆ Do you have numerous ‘thread bunnies’ next to your sewing machine?

Well below may just be the answer to your questions and a creative idea to try. ☺

Carolyn Beam, Content Director of Quilt Quicks addressed this in the October/November 2017 issue. “One way that I have found to fit making charity quilts into my schedule is to make them at the same time I’m working on other projects. I learned about Leaders & Enders from my friend Bonnie Hunter. Instead of using a scrap of fabric at the beginning and end of my line of chain piecing, I use patches that can eventually be sewn into a quilt. I’m always making two quilts at the same time and get so much more accomplished!”

Check out <http://quiltville.com/leadersenders.shtml> where you will learn LOTS about this technique or secure a copy of the book, Adventures with Leaders & Enders, which released in February 2010. It is full of fun scrap quilts that you can stitch *in between the lines* of sewing other projects!

On her site, Bonnie shares: “Now that you know what leaders/enders are...can you see yourself doing something with them? Your pieces can be any size and any shape—anything you can use to start and end a line of piecing. They need not be scrappy—planned works...you can be working on your ‘next’ project while piecing your ‘current’ project. Just have all your cut pieces sitting at the side of your sewing machine for your use and you will be amazed how fast units stack up!!!”

OUTREACH NEWS

2017 Outreach, once again, ended with a VERY productive year! Thanks to ALL of you, we were able to complete a lot of QOV quilts, several Comfort quilts for Divine Savior and 94 placemats for Marquette County Meals on Wheels! The members of this guild are amazingly giving of their time and talents! So proud to be a member! For those of you who wish to, you can continue to make placemats so that we can give some to the Meals on Wheels in Columbia County next winter.

In February 2018, the Outreach workshop will be working one last time on placemats. As to January 2018, it was decided that we would not have an Outreach work day. The reason for that is two of the committee members will not be available that month. January can also be a bad month for heavy snow. And so... hunker down and sew away on some of those UFO's! I find I am the most productive during January and February due to the cold and snow. By March, we start thinking about the garden and are ready to get back out there!

Here are the dates for Outreach Work Days for the coming year.....

January- NO WORK DAYS	June, July & August—NO WORK DAYS
February- Tuesday 27 th	September—Tuesday 25 th
March- Tuesday 27 th	October—Tuesday 23 rd
April- Tuesday 24 th	November—TO BE DETERMINED
May- Tuesday 22 nd	December—NO WORK DAY

All workshops run from 9:00 am to 2:00pm. The committee supplies a morning treat with coffee and dessert after lunch. You bring a sack lunch and a beverage.

Your Outreach Committee wants to wish ALL of you a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

BOOK REPORT

Cut the Scraps!...7 steps to quilting your way through your stash. I found this book by Joan Ford fascinating. I have stash & scraps! How can I combine the two and make a quilt? Joan tackles this and calls it *therapy*...ScrapTherapy™. She says the task may seem daunting at first, but it can be simple and it can make sense—all in 7 basic steps.

There are twenty projects including quilts, totes, table runners and a pillow. So many scraps...so many projects!



If you've done your *scrap therapy* you may want to move on to even more projects. Joan Ford's Scraps Plus One! brings you 20 more irresistible projects.

She continues with her 7 basic steps. But, she adds a plus one...scraps + one yard or scraps + one neutral or one shape! Joan provides new projects to help us deal with our scraps. You could take those scraps and simply add one fat quarter—what fun! You are allowed to purchase fabric to add to those scraps. 😊

So start small with a table runner or a tote. Perhaps, go BIG and find inspiration with one of her quilts. Who knows...I may add +1 ScrapTherapy™ quilt to my UFO list.

Several of the ScrapTherapy™ books are in the Winnefox Library System.

Check one out & start your 'therapy'.



\$8 SPECIALS 2018

The new year is almost upon us and already your Officer Team is hard at work getting together creative projects to fill those first three months of the year. Who knows what the weather may bring but these will certainly help you with any 'cabin fever' that may set in. As in the past, you must have registered and made payment before receiving your supply listing. Samples at monthly guild meetings.

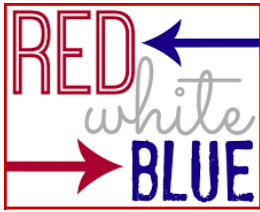
The 1st National Bank Community Room in Montello has been reserved for these sessions listed below.

The room is reserved for 9:00 am—3:00 pm.

- * Tuesday, January 16th Making Wool Mittens Instructor: JD
- * Thursday, February 22nd Paper Piecing Instructor: PJ
- * Thursday, March 15th A=Appliqué Instructor: JO

PUTTING FUN INTO FUND-RAISING 2018

Plans are in it's infancy but the Fund-Raising Committee has secured speakers and the date has been locked in, we are able to proceed with the fund-raiser plans. We are asking our members to 'save the date' and be available to lend a hand not only with preparations but on the day of the event as well.



Our theme for the 2018 event will be focus on a Red, White & Blue. This event will be held on Tuesday June 5, 2018 at the Father Marquette Center located on the corner of State Hwys 22/23 and Church Street with registration from 8:00-8:50 am.

We have chosen the June 2018 date to take advantage of the fact that Kathy Flowers has graciously said yes to stay over and be one of our speakers at the event.

Access to the hall, on Monday June 4th, will allow volunteers to set-up tables, hang quilts, decorate, etc. that morning. This gives us time to make the hall welcoming to our guests and still able to go home and make the monthly CCQG meeting that evening.

Currently the committee is working on menu & food; table centerpieces & table favors.

We are asking for your help with our featured area that is always popular- Basket [Bucket] Raffle. We welcome however you are able to help and donate.

Here is just a refresher on how this has worked in the past...you donate items and the committee will sort through all donations and put together themed baskets. (Ideas from past events: Christmas basket; picket fence basket; barn quilt basket; picnic basket; bird basket; book worm basket; wicker basket filled with Quilting notions; Iron Tote & Sewing accessories; Purses/Totes; Gift Certificates; Dog Basket, etc.)

The committee would gladly accept donations from our members to help with this fund-raising cause:

- *Items that you have made or purchased—it must be unused.
- *Downsizing your collection of fat quarters/precuts, kits, etc.
- *Many of our members create lovely purses/totes/pillows/table runners—we would love one of your creations.
- *Small quilted items are always welcome.

Anything you donate, please make it an item you yourself would want to receive.

NOTE: 100% of all proceeds from the Basket Raffle will go to the guild.

Basket raffle donation items, empty baskets or completed baskets are asked to be turned in anytime starting with our January 2018 monthly meeting— the deadline of our April 2018 monthly meeting.

If you know of area shops or businesses that may be interested in making a donation, please check with them on behalf of our guild, Calico Capers Quilt Guild.

NOTE: Donated items NEED NOT be quilt related as this event will have non-quilters in attendance as well.

This event will be by advance ticket sales only. This is the only way we have to plan for food and seating. Costs are pending at this time.

If you have ideas or wish to volunteer to coordinate a specific area, please let us know. This is sponsored by CCQG so all members are asked to participate where they can. Thanking you in advance.

As plans come together, we will keep members updated via email and final plans should be posted in our 2nd Qtr newsletter. Committee: JF, BL, JW & JM

LOVING LITERACY

At the 2017 Christmas Gathering, our *Joy Of Giving* was for Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County. CCQG Christmas Party Committee member, JM, applied for and was approved by Thrivent Financial for a *Hearts & Hands On A Mission* Action Team. With that approval came a gift card for \$250.00 to be utilized for this project. She was able to secure 124 books to donate to LV-MC.

Also with the generous donations from members at our Christmas Gathering, we had another 211 books...bringing the total donation to 335. Thank you all for sharing with others during this blessed Christmas season!